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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **“Shooting Investigation UPDATE”**

On November 5, 2015 Deputies of the Monongalia County Sheriff's Office were attempting to serve search and arrest warrants for First Degree Armed Robbery at a residence located at 1043 Charles Avenue, Morgantown. Occupants of the location answered the door and immediately tried to keep the uniformed deputies from entering the residence.

(7) Uniformed Deputies and (3) plain clothed deputies wearing clearly identifiable insignia and badges entered the residence and initially encountered 2 adult females, 1 teenage juvenile male and a dog. The initial 3 individuals were compliant and followed the instructions of the deputies.

Deputies encountered David Michael ROMONASKI, 48 years of age a resident at the address as they were searching the house. ROMONASKI was armed with a shotgun was subsequently shot.

All shots fired are believed to have been fired by one deputy at this time. The number of shots will not be released at this time until after verification of the crime scene, the autopsy and an analysis of the firearms.

ROMONASKI was subsequently found to have been additionally armed with a handgun.

Emergency Medical personnel were staged in the immediate area because of the serious nature of the crimes involved and were able to immediately start emergency medical treatment. ROMONASKI was transported to Ruby Memorial Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

An autopsy is scheduled by the WV State Medical Examiner's Office in Charleston.

Detectives have processed the scene and released the residence to the remaining occupants. It is anticipated that interviews of all persons at the scene as well as neighborhood canvasses to take several more days. Various items of evidence have been seized and will be analyzed.

ROMONASKI's family was notified and are believed to be traveling to the Morgantown area from Tennessee.

Because of the complexity of this investigation there will be no anticipated updates or further information until after noon on November 9, 2015.

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